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VSS News at a Glance

*Victims Services Section
Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services*



Mark Your Calendar for the Upcoming Program Management Training

March 15-17, 2006

Richmond, Virginia, Holiday Inn Select Koger South Conference Center

March 3, 2006, Deadline for Hotel Registration (804) 379-3800 (To receive the special conference rate, please give clerk the group block code PMT.)

March 8, 2006 Training Registration Deadline, DCJS Website, www.dcjs.virginia.gov/trainingEvents

We hope that you will be able to join us for this exciting training event. On **Wednesday, March 15**, we are pleased to have as our General Session speaker, **Colleen Renk Zengotitabengoa**, Managing Attorney for the Tahirih Justice Center, who will address Cross-Cultural Perspectives of Victimization. Since Virginia continues to be home to many immigrant populations, many of you are faced with the complex job of providing services to these populations. The mission of the Tahirih Center is to enable women and girls who face gender-based violence to access justice. The Center engages in direct litigation, public policy advocacy and education and outreach to ensure systemic change that protects women and girls from violence.

On **Thursday, March 16**, our **Keynote speaker is Veraunda Jackson**, former prosecutor in Orlando, Florida. Ms. Jackson has prosecuted major crimes including domestic violence, robberies, gang crimes, aggravated batteries and assaults. Her last assignment in Orlando was in the specialized unit of Sex Crimes and Abuse. Her keynote is entitled: ***You Never Know!*** (*whose life you touch*). This is a powerful discussion on why you are here; doing the job you are doing now.

Also on **Thursday, March 16**, we are pleased to have **Detective Brian Sallee**, with the Albuquerque, New Mexico, Police Department as a workshop speaker. A sworn officer since 1980, Detective Sallee has worked narcotics since 1989, and is an instructor for the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration, International Association of Undercover Officers, the Albuquerque Police Department, and for several other police training organizations in the U.S. His workshop is entitled *Impact of Methamphetamine on Children*.

Friday's training will involve **grant renewal training for Victim/Witness programs and program management for all grant programs: V-STOP, Domestic Violence Victim Fund, Sexual Assault, and Victim/Witness**, and will be conducted separately for each program area. To register and for further information visit www.dcjs.virginia.gov/trainingEvents

Other Important Dates & Trainings

CICF and the Center for Injury and Violence Prevention, a division of the Virginia Department of Health (VDH); are co-sponsoring a training for HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS in the SOUTHWEST area in April and tentatively in the Northern Virginia area in May! Individuals seeking further information should contact CICF at (804) 367-0981 or via email at CICFMAIL@vwc.state.va.us.

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| February 28, 2006 | Is Religion the Problem or the Solution? Inter-religious panel on domestic violence, sponsored by the University of Richmond. For more information contact Jennifer Landis-Santos, (804) 289-8997 |
| March 16, 2006 | Criminal Justice Services Board Meeting |
| March 23, 2006 | Victim/Witness Issues Subcommittee of Criminal Justice Services Board Meeting |
| March 23, 2006 | Broadening Our Scope: Domestic Violence Services for Survivors with Mental Health Disabilities , Rappahannock Library, Fredericksburg. For more information go to www.vsdvalliance.org/trainingedu.html |
| March 24, 2006 | Key Elements of an Effective Community Response to Sexual Violence , Winchester Medical Center, Winchester. For more information go to www.vsdvalliance.org/trainingedu.html |
| March 29, 2006 | Working with Victims with Mental Health and/or Cognitive Disabilities: Providing Services, Staying Safe, and Being ADA Compliant. For more information go to www.vsdvalliance.org/trainingedu.html |
| April 3-7, 2006 | Finding Words Virginia — Richmond, Virginia. Information regarding this training is available at www.dcs.virginia.gov/juvenile/cja/findingWords/index.cfm?menuLevel=5&mID=7 |
| April 7, 2006 | V-STOP State Team Meeting |
| April 18, 2006 | Progress Reports Due |
| April 20, 2006 | VSDVAA Membership Meeting |
| April 20, 2006 | U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime National Observance of Crime Victims' Rights Week. For more information visit www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/ncvrw/welcome.html |
| April 21, 2006 | Annual National Organization for Victim Assistance Victims' Rights Week Forum. For more information visit www.trynova.org/events/2006VictimRightsForum/ |
| April 21, 2006 | Office for Victims of Crime National Awards Ceremony. For more information visit www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/ncvrw/welcome.html |
| April 21, 2006 | Victim/Witness Grant Applications Due to Dept. of Criminal Justice Services |
| April 23-29, 2006 | 2006 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, Theme: Victims' Rights: Strength in Unity" |
| May 4-5, 2006 | Improving Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse , Roanoke, Virginia. Information regarding this conference is not currently available on our website, but will be as the dates get closer. For further information, or to be added to our mailing list, please contact Denise Hampton at denise.hampton@dcs.virginia.gov or via phone at (804) 225-3948. |
| June 1-2, 2006 | Virginia Coalition for the Prevention of Elder Abuse Conference , Virginia Beach. For further information contact Edward Ansello at (804) 828-1525 or e-mail, eansello@hsc.vcu.edu |

June 19-23, 2006	Finding Words Virginia — Richmond, Virginia. Information regarding this training is available at www.dcjs.virginia.gov/juvenile/cja/findingWords/index.cfm?menuLevel=5&mID=7
June 21-23, 2006	Law Enforcement Response to Sexual Assault Training for Trainers. For further information, contact Eleanore Kantzer, (804) 225-4060.
June 25-30, 2006	2006 National Victim Assistance Academy: Foundations in Victim Services, Topeka, Kansas. For further information call 1-866-682-8822.
July 9-12, 2006	2006 National Coalition Against Domestic Violence Conference, Atlanta, Georgia. For further information visit www.ncadv.org/conferences/NCADVConferences_117.html
July 19, 2006	Progress Reports Due
July 20, 2006	VSDVAA Membership Meeting
July 26, 2006	VDVVF Grant Renewal Training
August 20-25, 2006	32nd Annual North American Victim Assistance Conference, Orlando, Florida. For further information go to www.trynova.org/conference/2006/
September 14, 2006	Criminal Justice Services Board Meeting and V/W Issues Subcommittee Meeting
September 15, 2006	VDVVF Grants Due (prosecution and victims services grantees)
September 21, 2006	VSDVAA Membership Meeting
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INFO-LINE COVERAGE

The **Virginia Crime Victim Assistance INFO-LINE** is available as a “back-up” for victim/witness programs in localities that are staffed with only one person. This service is available when a grant funded staff person is unavailable due to a vacant position or extended leave (**longer than one week**). Examples of extended leave include medical, maternity, disability, vacation, etc.

The services available as a “back-up” for one-person programs include the following: victims’ rights explanation, crisis intervention, follow-up counseling, crisis referrals, criminal justice process options explanation, explanation of the criminal justice process, emergency assistance referrals, information on how to obtain protective orders, assistance with filing for compensation under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund, information on procedures to obtain restitution, and referrals as it pertains to prisoner release, appeals and habeas corpus proceedings. Please note that the INFO-LINE does not provide “on-site” services such as transportation, criminal justice process support, escort services, etc. The telephone number of the INFO-LINE is 1-888-887-3418. This is a toll-free service at no cost to the caller. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

In order to receive “back-up” services from the INFO-LINE, you must complete a Programmatic Change Form, which is located on the DCJS Website (www.dcjs.virginia.gov). This form may be mailed, e-mailed or faxed to your grant monitor. You will also need to contact Carla Wagstaff, INFO-LINE & Victim/Witness

Program Coordinator, to discuss a back-up plan for services. Carla can be reached at (804) 225-3453. Additionally, information on the INFO-LINE and "back-up" services can be found on the DCJS Website.

If you have any questions regarding the "back-up" service offered by the INFO-LINE or have any other questions regarding the INFO-LINE, please feel free to Carla at the number listed above.

GMIS and Grant Monitors

There have been several changes made in regard to grant monitors. You may want to take a look at our monitoring list to ensure who your grant monitor is at www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims/monitors.cfm. All Sexual Assault grants are monitored by Kathleen Demro, Kathleen.demro@dcjs.virginia.gov, (804) 371-4809. We have also received questions in regards to GMIS and passwords. Please note that our Grants Administration Section maintains GMIS. All GMIS questions and requests for passwords should be sent to grantsweb@dcjs.virginia.gov until they hire someone to replace Ana Harris. Your questions/requests will be answered in a timely manner.

Employment Opportunities

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PROGRAM MONITOR

Position #CJ030
Salary: \$19.90 (Hourly)

The Victims Services Section of the Department of Criminal Justice Services seeks a temporary (two years), part-time (24-30 hours per week) Violence Against Women Program Monitor to assist in monitoring and providing technical assistance to grantees funded through the statewide Violence Against Women Act—Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors (V-STOP) program and the Virginia Domestic Violence Victim Fund. Duties: plans, allocates, and monitors federal and state funding to local and statewide organizations that promote the apprehension, prosecution, and adjudication of persons who commit violent crimes against women. Provides technical assistance to programs, including law enforcement agencies, prosecution offices, domestic violence programs, sexual assault crisis centers and coalitions. **A two-page writing sample on domestic violence or sexual assault must be submitted along with your application.** A detailed job description can be found on our website at www.dcjs.virginia.gov. Application deadline date: **Friday, February 24, 2006.**

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Women's Center at Virginia Tech Victim Services Outreach Coordinator

The Women's Center at VT seeks an energetic and committed leader to collaborate on the implementation of a grant funded by the US Dept. of Justice. The Victim Services Outreach Coordinator works under the direction of the Assistant Director for Counseling and Advocacy to raise awareness of gender based violence. This position coordinates outreach and education efforts concerning sexual and relationship violence, stalking, harassment and cyber harassment; supervises a student peer education group; assists with support and advocacy for victims of gender-based violence. Masters Degree in social work, psychology, higher education, student affairs or related field required. Virginia Tech is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer. Go to www.jobs.vt.edu for more information and to apply for the position. The application deadline is **March 1, 2006.**

Resources

Grant Money!!!!

TARGET. The national corporation makes grants between \$1,000 and \$3,000 to nonprofits to coordinate community projects in the arts, domestic violence prevention and literacy. **Deadline: May 31.** For details visit http://target.com/target_group/community_giving/grant_guidelines.jhtml.

Safe Home Safer Communities

The Virginia Office of the Attorney General has just published a resource manual called "Safe Homes, Safer Communities." The 72-page manual is FULL of excellent information about domestic violence, including definitions, safety planning, the types of resources and services available for victims, victims' rights, and victim legal issues throughout the criminal and civil justice processes. You can download a copy at: www.oag.state.va.us/Protecting/Domestic_Violence/DV_PDFs/SAH%20Resource%20Kit.pdf.

Copies will be available at Program Management Training in March.

Confidentiality Provisions

As part of the Violence Against Women Act/Department of Justice Reauthorization Act (VAWA), Congress strengthens the confidentiality provisions of VAWA, thereby passing those provisions onto any agency or organization that receives V-STOP funding. These changes became Federal Law as soon as President Bush signed the reauthorized Act on January 5, 2006. At the following link, you will find a 3-page summary of these changes prepared by the National Network to End Domestic Violence www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims/documents/VAWAConfidentialityUpdateDec2005.pdf. Grant funded V-STOP programs which comply with DCJS guidelines already meet these requirements.

Training Opportunities

The Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance offers trainings on domestic & sexual violence issues around the state. Visit www.vsdvalliance.org/secProjects/traininginstitute.html for further information.

Virginia Department of Health Listserv

The Virginia Department of Health also offers many training opportunities. You may want to sign up with their Listserv, as we will no longer be sending these training announcements out in e-mails. To do this follow the instructions below:

- 1) Send a blank email to VDHsvlist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com OR
- 2) Visit the yahoogroups website www.yahoogroups.com/group/VDHsvlist and click on join now. OR
- 3) Call Rebecca K. Odor at (804) 864-7740 and ask to be added to the listserv.

Free Online Training

The National Children's Advocacy Center Academy Online offers free online training for professionals on such topics as "Developmental Perspectives on Child Sexual Behavior in Children and Adolescents," "Profiling the Child Molester," and "Standards for Prevention Programs." www.nationalcac2.org/

Internet Safety

i-SAFE America — Learn about internet safety and become a certified trainer with the i-SAFE program through a free, online educational training. <http://ilearn.isafe.org/>

Free Teleconference Service

Recently, we found out about a website that provides free teleconference calls 24/7, no reservations required. All you need is a name and a valid e-mail account. To sign up or find out more information, please visit www.freeconferencecall.com.

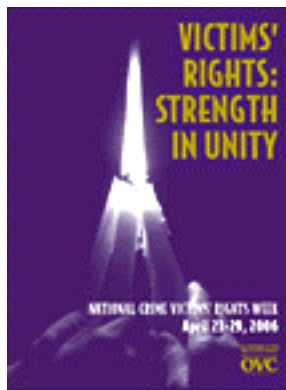
Community Guide to Helping Americas Youth

The Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention and eight other federal agencies are sponsoring a new effort with support from the President and First Lady. The "Community Guide to Helping America's Youth" offers resources to engage communities in efforts to prevent juvenile crime and promote safety for kids. See the following link www.helpingamericasyouth.gov.

Videos on Stalking and Teen Victims

The National Center's new educational videos on stalking and teen victims received top honors in "The Communicators Awards," an international competition that recognizes excellence in communications. "Links in the Chain: Two Communities Respond to Stalking," received the Crystal Award of Excellence, and "Because Things Happen Every Day: Responding to Teenage Victims of Crime" received the Award of Distinction. National Center members may order these programs (each accompanied with a useful Discussion Guide) at a reduced rate on-line at www.ncvc.org/videos (you'll need to log in as a member with your personalized Login and Password) or by completing the PDF order form (also available at www.ncvc.org/store). Membership Department National Center for Victims of Crime.

2006 Resource Guide for National Crime Victims' Rights Week is available on-line at
www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/ncvrw/welcome.html



New Contact Information for the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund

Please note that the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund has moved its office. Their address is P.O. Box 26927, Richmond, Virginia 23261; phone number (804) 378-3434; toll free number is 1-800-552-4007; and fax is 877-598-9756.

If you have any trainings/activities/employment opportunities you would like to have listed, please send them to Candace Miles at Candace.miles@dcjs.virginia.gov by the 1st of each month. We will make every effort to include them depending on space and/or time limitations. To access this document go to www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims

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